Provincialization of local fund medical institutions.

*1330 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether provincialization of local fund medical institutions was made subject to the condition that out of the savings accruing as a result of the transfer, local boards should open and maintain within their areas one or more additional dispensaries;

(b) whether the Government asked the Taluk Board of Puttur in September 1927 if the Board was prepared to finance from the savings of about Rs. 4,721 accruing to it as a result of the transfer of the hospital at Puttur to the Government, one or more additional allopathic dispensaries within its area;

(c) whether accordingly the Board resolved to utilize the savings in opening two regular allopathic dispensaries, one at Sampaje and another at Panja and gave intimation of this to the Government in October 1927;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government did not send any communication to the Board objecting to the above proposal and that the Board opened dispensaries at the above two places in July 1928;

(e) whether subsequently in August 1928 the Government asked the Taluk Board not to give effect to any new scheme for the extension of medical relief from Taluk Board Funds;

(f) whether the Government have since passed orders reducing the compassionate grant given to the Puttur Taluk Board from Rs. 10,550 to Rs. 5,020 on the ground that the taking over of the Puttur hospital will give relief to that extent to the Board; and

(g) whether the Government have considered the representation made on this matter by the Taluk Board through its President and whether they have passed any orders thereon?

A.—(a) to (f) Yes.

(g) The Board's representation is under consideration.

Number of in-patients in Calicut Mental Hospital.

*1331 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of in-patients in the Calicut Mental Hospital now and the number of medical men in the hospital; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is only one sub-assistant surgeon in the hospital?

A.—(a) The number of patients under treatment on 10th January 1929 was 271.

The medical staff of the hospital consists of—

(1) Superintendent—part-time (District Medical Officer).

(2) Deputy Superintendent—whole-time (Civil Assistant Surgeon).

(3) Sub-Assistant Surgeon—whole-time.

(b) Yes.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN:—"On what day the Superintendent attends hospital and how many hours each day he attends?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The Government believe that he stays as long as it is necessary."